

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: JOSEPH E. THOMPSON ET AL.

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For: GELLED HYDROCARBON COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
USE THEREOF

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Examiner: TUCKER, P.

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Dear Sir:

COMMENTS ON THE STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

As noted in MPEP 1302.14:

The statement [of reasons for allowance] is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed and should not be written to specifically or impliedly state that all the reasons for allowance are set forth.

As such, the applicants understand that the allowed claims are allowable based on the claim language for each claim and that the reasons for allowance are not intended to fully express all the reasons for allowance. The applicant respectfully submits that the statement for reasons of allowance are not comprehensive for any individual claim and are not necessarily the sole reasons applicable to all of the claims.

Paragraph 1, page 2 of the Notice of Allowability states that "[t]he present claims are distinguished from the prior art of Bush which fails to teach or suggest the present fluids or methods in general, and in particular the use of the salts of carboxylic acids, multifunctional carboxylic acids, first and second trivalent salts, or the formation of reaction products prior to adding the organic liquid." With regard to this statement, Applicants note that the allowed claims include claims that do not recite all of these limitations. Applicants further note that the allowed claims include claims that do not recite any of these limitations.

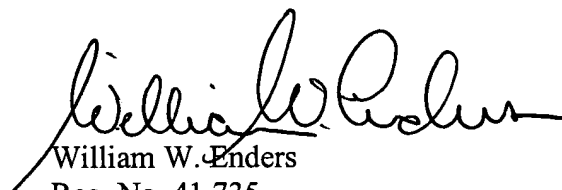
Thus, Applicants understand that each of the allowed claims are allowable based on the respective claim language for each claim and not necessarily the statements contained in the Notice of Allowability.

If the Office disagrees with these comments, the Office is requested to respond.

Should any fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from Deposit Account No. 10-1205/BJSC:286. The examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the phone number indicated below with any questions or comments, or to otherwise facilitate expeditious and compact prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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